

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 11 and 12 have been amended. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Claims 1-16 and 18-20 are pending and under consideration.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to for failing to show the cabinet recited in the first line of claim 11. Claim 11 does not recite a cabinet. It is assumed that the cabinet recited in the first line of claim 12 is what the Examiner was referring to. Claim 12 has been amended to replace the term "cabinet" with the phrase "main body," which is found in the specification at paragraph [0019]. Withdrawal of the foregoing objection is requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 112

Claims 11 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Appropriate correction has been made to claim 11. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Park et al. (US 5,664,437) (hereinafter "Park").

Park discusses a cool-air duct for refrigerators. In Park, the cool-air distribution apparatus 17 is installed in the horizontally central portion of the rear wall 3W of the refrigerating compartment 3. The upper portion of the cool-air distribution apparatus 17 is positioned on the back wall of the third compartment 9, while the middle and lower portions of the cool-air distribution apparatus 17 are positioned on the back wall of the refrigerating compartment 3 between the third compartment 9 and the vegetable compartment 10. That is, the upper end of the cool-air distribution apparatus 17 is placed adjacent to the intermediate wall 1, and the lower end thereof is placed adjacent to the vegetable compartment 10. The entire height of the cool-air distribution apparatus 17 equals approximately that of the refrigerating compartment 3 plus the third compartment 9. Park, 5:17-5:31 and Figure 5.

Further in Park, the cool-air distribution apparatus 17, includes a front plate 24 made from a synthetic resin, a cool-air duct 25 which is made from an insulated material and

assembled with the front plate 24, and a seal plate 34 covering the back surface of the cool-air duct 25. A swing wing 26 is detachably provided at the forefront surface of the cool-air duct 25. At the upper end of the swing wing 26 a motor 28 for rotating the swing wing 26 is provided. The motor 28, seated on a motor case 29, is installed in the upper portion of the front plate 24. On each side end of the motor 28 an indoor lamp 30 is mounted. Numeral 31 indicates the lamp cover for protecting the lamp. A position sensing switch 32 for controlling the rotation position of the swing wing 26 which is turned "on/off" by a protuberance 33 is provided on the upper end of the swing wing 26. A cool-air discharge grill 27 is detachably assembled to the front plate 24 for protection of the swing wing 26. The grill 27 prevents foodstuffs, housed in the compartment 3, from interrupting the rotation of the swing wing 26. Park, 5:32-5:51 and Figure 6.

Claims 1-11

Claim 1 recites: "...a second cool air duct which is formed in an upper part of the lamp case to communicate with the first cool air duct and allows cool air flowing through the first cool air duct to flow out toward a front of the storing compartment of the main body." In contrast to claim 1, Park does not discuss a second cool air duct that allows cool air to flow towards a front of the storing compartment. In Park, the cool-air duct 25 includes the cool-air passage 15 and cool-air discharge openings 16A-16C which guide the cool air from the evaporator 12 to the refrigerating compartment 3. The cool-air passage 15 includes a first cool-air passage 35 and a second cool-air passage 36 which are formed in a longitudinal vertical direction on the right and left sides of the cool-air duct 25 for bisecting the cool air from the cool-air inflow opening 18. The cool-air discharge openings 16A-16C are spaced in a longitudinal vertical direction along the vertical center line. All of the cool-air discharge openings discussed in Park are directed to the rear of the refrigerating compartment. In the present invention, as recited in claim 1, the cool air flows to the front of the storing compartment.

Claims 2-11 depend on claim 1 and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

Claims 12-20

Amended claim 12 recites: "...an air chamber located at a front of the lamp unit and coupled to the cool air duct, wherein the cool air from the cool air duct is discharged through the air chamber to the front of the storage compartment. Support for this amendment may be found

in at least paragraph [0028] of the specification. In contrast to amended claim 28, Park does not discuss an air chamber located in front of the lamp unit to discharge cool air to the front of the storage compartment. In Park, all of the cool-air discharge openings discussed in Park are directed to the rear of the refrigerating compartment.

Claims 13-16 and 18-20 are dependent on claim 12 and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Claim 17 has been cancelled.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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